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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

AS REQUESTED REFTEL A.FOLLOWING IS TEXT JOHANNESBURG STAR  
ARTICLE MENTIONED REFTEL B.

QUOTE--WINDHOEK--THE SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA  
PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION IN OWAMBO, MR. SAM SHIVUTE, IS IN  
HOSPITAL AFTER BEING ASSAULTED BY TRIBAL POLICE.

HE WAS ALLEGEDLY BEATEN UP AT OKAHAO IN NGANDJERO TRIBAL  
TERRITORY ON SUNDAY WHILE COLLECTING EVIDENCE FOR A  
POSSIBLE APPLICATION TO THE SUPREME COURT.

IN THE APPLICATION THE OUTCOME OF THE OWAMBO ELECTIONS  
MAY BE CHALLENGED ON THE CLAIM THAT PEOPLE WERE FORCED  
TO VOTE AGAINST THEIR WILL.

THE SUPREME COURT ISSUED AN INTERIM ORDER IN APRIL FORBID-  
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DIG THE KWABI TRIBAL AUTHORITY AND ITS POLICEMEN FROM

ASSAULTING, MOLESTING OR INTIMIDATING MR. SHIVUTE AFTER AN ALLEGED THREAT ON HIS LIFE.

RELIABLE SOURCES SAY THAT AFTER MR. JAFET MUNKUNDI, CHIEF OF THE NGANDJERA TRIBE AND MINISTER OF WORKS IN THE OWAMBO CABINET, HAD CHALLENGED MR. SHIVUTE WHILE HE WAS COLLECTING EVIDENCE, TRIBAL POLICE SET UPON MR. SHIVUTE AND FOUR SWAPO SUPPORTERS.

"THE POLICE BEAT THEM WITH THEIR FISTS AND STICKS," SAID THE SOURCE.

"MR. SHIVUTE AND THE OTHERS WERE ALSO KICKED AS THEY LAY ON THE GROUND."

MR. SHIVUTE WAS ALLEGEDLY ALSO FORCED TO LIE ON HIS STOMACH AND BEATEN REPEATEDLY ACROSS THE BUTTOCKS WITH A BATON OR STICK.

"WHEN HE WAS ADMITTED TO ONANDJOKWE HOSPITAL, HE COULD NOT STAND OR SIT," SAID THE SOURCE.

"HE WAS BADLY BRUISED AND HAD A SERIOUS EYE INJURY.

THE OTHER SWAPO MEN -- MR. ISRAEL KALENGA, HIS FATHER MR. ANDREAS KALENGA, MR. LANEK ILTHETE, AND MR. JACOB KASHUPI -- WERE NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN THE TERRITORY MR. J. M. DE WET COMMENTED FROM OSHAKATI THAT A FIGHT HAD TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN MR. SHIVUTE AND TRIBAL POLICE.

HE SAID IT WAS "PURELY A TRIBAL MATTER" AND EMPHASISED THAT WHITE OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE WERE NOT INVOLVED.--END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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